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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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Sat	Informal at Cracker Barrel	6:00 AM	
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (West)	10:00 AM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
May 2	Builder's Group Club House	7PM	
May 6	Coffee at Bean Feed Club House	8AM	
May 6	Bean Feed Club House	AM	
May 11	Board Meeting Club House	7 PM	
May 9	Linux -SIG Club House	7 PM	
May 16	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
May 23	Linux - SIG Club House	7 PM	
For more events see http://www.n5bl.org/calendar			



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NM QSO Party

The Articles for This Month

NM QSO Party

The club station participated in the May NM QSO Party. Shown here are three of the club members who operated the club station. In addition, there several mobiles and fixed stations who contributed Dona Ana contacts. The operating event was considered a success with stations signed up to operate in all the counties of New Mexico. Dona Ana was one of the counties with the most operators planning to be on the air. Shown in the photograph is the group which was operating the club station in the afternoon of April 14. Shown in the back is WA5DJJ who was operating 40 meters. Working on 20 meters were KJ6ANV and N5TMT. Final results of the QSO party will be available at the URL <http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/results/results-current/> after the log checking is complete in June.

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The Club Roster

The latest club roster is available. If you click on the following link, it will appear as a pdf file.

URL <http://mvrCMem201702.pdf>

It is recommended that you print it out and keep it handy at your operating position. It consists of two main parts. The first lists all club members in alphabetical order. The second part lists all club members by their call signs. The roster also contains other information such as class of license and some contact information. Print only the first four pages.

Unclassified

Hy-Gain TH6-DXX Super Thunderbird 6-element HF beam, used, good condition, with all parts and manual, \$350.

Bill Johnston, K5ZI, 575-382-7804, K5ZI@arrl.net

Bean Feed

The big event is the Bean Feed which will be held Saturday May 6 starting whenever you get there. People will be setting up the tailgates starting at about 7 AM and beans will be available about 10 AM.

Antenna Repair

KD5SSJ

Bob AD5LD rented a bucket truck to accomplish repairs and upgrade 80 / 40 dipoles which have been in operation for more than 20 years, but failed (broken feed wires) late last year. The central pole of five is more than 30 feet in height. Cash KD5SSJ served as ground crew and safety.



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Monthly Club Meeting

MVRC clubhouse doors opened for coffee and donuts: 8 a.m.

Total Attendance: 37

New Members: Ed Montes, Frank Carril, and Martin Campbell III

Meeting called to order: at ~9:00 a.m. by club president Sven Breden, *K5SHB*.

This month, we did not have a speaker, so Cash showed a very interesting You Tube video on photovoltaic cells and rechargeable batteries. Afterwards, there was a nice discussion among the membership on the topic.

Business Discussion/Reports Included:

Rob Truitt *KE5OFK* reported that the club's repeaters were all working normally. Also, a few weeks ago, he and Dave Hassall *WA5DJJ* made software upgrades to the Broad-Band Ham Net.

Cash Olsen *KD5SSJ* mentioned that he was looking for 2017 presenters. Cash reminded the membership of the Tuesday night's Builders Group meetings at 7:00 p.m.

George Kopp *KD5OHA* reminded everyone of the upcoming NM QSO Party on Saturday 08 April. George also mentioned that he will need volunteers for the "Giddy Up Gallup" road race on 29 April; this event is part of the Country Music Festival. George also reminded everyone of his Wednesday night net at 6:45 p.m. as well as Derrick Jordon 6-meter net on Monday evening at 6:45.

Earl Drexler *N5TMT*, MVRC's event coordinator, reported that Bataan was a success with about 6000 runners. And, our Bataan Special Event station had made 252 contacts. Earl reminded everyone of our upcoming Bean Feed event on 06 May; he will be posting flyers in local businesses around Cruces. Earl mentioned our Field Day event in June and a pre-Field Day antenna party to test equipment. Contact Earl for details.

Furman Smith *KF5KHL*, MVRC's treasurer, gave a financial report and informed the membership that the four fraudulent withdrawals from the club's checking account have been reimbursed. Our Wells Fargo bank account was closed and moved to Bank of the West on Telshor.

MVRC secretary, Howard Brewington *KJ5NJ*, reported that he'd been working on the club's roster. With the new members from Saturday's meeting, we now have 107 people on the roster, but about 19 have not paid 2017 dues. Howard also mentioned that 01 April was the good-standing deadline, so people needed to get their dues paid. If not paid by 01 June, the unpaid individuals will be dropped from the roster.

Sven Breden *K5SHB* reminded the membership of the VE testing session at the Convention Center on University at 2:30 p.m. He is also working to have the club's property taxes reviewed. Sven reminded officers and board members of the upcoming board meeting on Thursday 06 April at 7:00 p.m. All club mem-

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bers are welcome to attend.

MVRC Meeting adjourned: 10:27 a.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary: Howard Brewington *KJ5NJ*

Monthly Board Meeting

06 April 2017 (Thursday)

Board Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club

Meeting Location: MVRC clubhouse

Officers and Board Members Present:

Sven Breden (President) *K5SHB*, Howard Brewington (Secretary) *KJ5NJ*, Alex Burr *K5XY*, Bob Bennett *AD5LJ*, George Kopp *KD5OHA*, Cash Olsen *KD5SSJ*, Rob Truitt *KE5OFK*, and Earl Drexler *N5TMT*.

Visitors Present: None

Meeting called to order: 7:07 p.m. by club president Sven Breden.

Business Discussion

- Alex Burr requested club-written articles for the Local Oscillator. And, he asked us to please report any mistakes or omissions in the Local Oscillator's content.
- George Kopp asked Alex if he'd received the Bataan Road Race images that he had sent for the Local Oscillator.
- Howard Brewington, club secretary, reported that we currently have 107 people on the club roster, but 19 of them have not paid for 2017. Those 19 people have been notified by either email or snail mail. The Club's new flat-screen TV has been locked to its wall-mount bracket. Howard and Bob Bennett have keys to the locks. Howard said that he'd purchased a new toilet seat for the clubhouse and would install it in the near future.
- Rob Truitt reported that the club's repeaters were all working normally, and more progress had been made with the Broadband Ham Net.
- Furman Smith passed out a summary of March's checking account. With respect to the club's saving accounts, Alex recommended that we not lose track on the donated funds that were earmarked for educational scholarships. Furman also had tax-exempt paperwork, which will be completed and submitted to the city for property tax relief.

Earl Drexler reminded everyone of the New Mexico QSO Party on Saturday 08 April from 8:00 to 8:00. He reported that he'd received donations for Bean Feed door prizes. Furman suggested that we display some of the items and info from our recent museum display at the Bean Feed. With respect to Field Day, Earl was still looking for a site although the driving range at the city's old golf course

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was being considered. Before Field Day, Earl plans to have an antenna party to test Field Day equipment on 20 May at 9:00 a.m. Contact Earl for Details
 Cash Olsen, KD5SSJ, said that the Tuesday night's Builders Group was going well and that Dave Hassall's recent projects were well received. Cash reminded everyone that there would be no formal meeting in May because of the Bean Feed. And, the club does not hold a meeting in July either. New member, Steve Barks, KG5RRX, will do a presentation at the June meeting, and Howard Brewington KJ5NJ will present at the August meeting. Cash reported that he was painting the club's bathroom, and that he planned to replace the light fixture over the toilet.

Bob Bennett said that we need more equipment donations for the Bean Feed. For security purposes, he had our storage shed rekeyed and the board members were given keys. He reported that he's aware of the water leak on the north side of the building, as well as the dead exterior lamp on the west wall. Bob also reported that we have some erosion in our driveway and some peeling paint on the clubhouse exterior walls. Per Bob, our propane tank is at ~35%, and the hot water heater needs to be flushed before the Bean Feed. And, in the next few weeks, the swamp cooler will be serviced.

Board Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary: Howard J. Brewington

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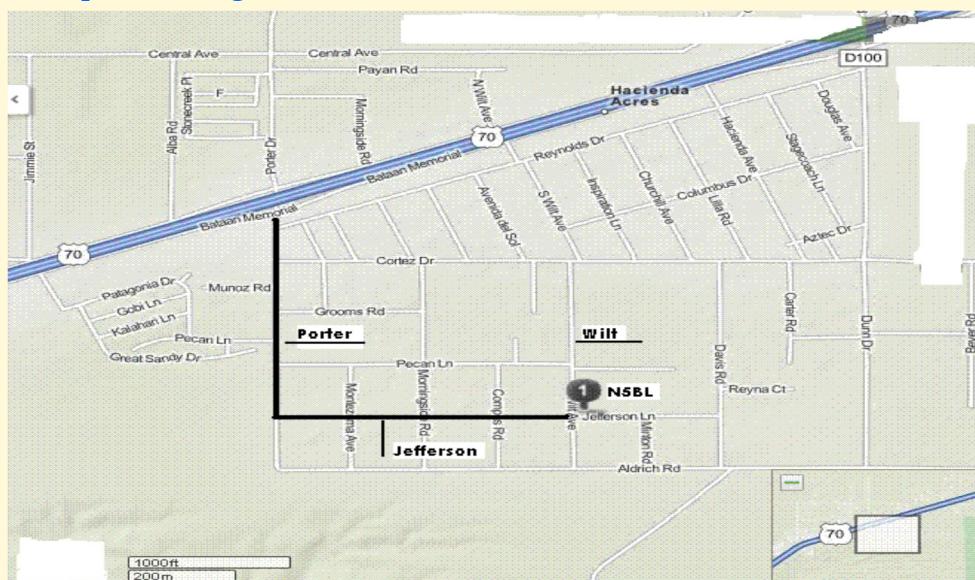
Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report is not available

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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



Officers				
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Name(s) _____

EMAIL _____

If you want confirmation that your payment was received and processed, please include your email address

Street Address _____ PO Box# _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club or renew your membership, please complete this form and print or cut out. Send it to **“Treasurer, MVRC, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004”** with annual dues (\$35 single, \$45 family)

Date: _____ Method of payment: Check No. _____ Other _____

Call Sign(S) _____ Family Membership Yes _____ No _____

License Class (E, A, G, T, N) _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Are You a ARRL Volunteer Examiner (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector (email information system)? _____

Interests

Computer _____ Contests _____ Digital _____ Elmer _____ Emergency Communications _____

Field Day _____ Packet _____ Programs _____ Public Service _____ Publicity _____ RFI _____

Repeater _____ Social _____ License Classes _____ Teach Licensing Classes _____

Volunteer Examiner _____ QRSS _____ Other _____

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